



**2019 Grand National Open Teams**



**Tweed Heads, NSW**

Friday 29 November to  
Monday 2 December 2019

**Every Success to the Teams**



**Perth 1** Tim Munro , Chris Mulley, Ron Cooper, Paul Brayshaw with Linda Bedford-Brown



**Perth 2** Virginia Seward, Rose Moore, Mimi Packer, Jonathan Free (Linda Coli and Jane Reynolds)



**Perth 3** Tad Bieganski,, Egmont Melton, Beata Bieganski, John Beddow with Robina Connell (Bob Prince and Mark Goddard)



**WA Country** Kate Boston, Murray Webber, Gwyneira Brahma and Rez Karim



**WA Provincial** Divyesh Shah, Rina Shah, Jane Adams and Christine Bacon



# President's Report

This year November is certainly a busy month, The Super Vets on the 10th and the Golden West on the weekend of the 16th. Both of these Gold Point events have impressive fields and should be great events. This year BAWA is holding two extra events one in November and one in December. The November event is a two day team event starting on November 23. Subject to a minimum of 10 teams entering BAWA will pay the entry fee for the APBF Teams in Perth 2020 for the winning team in the category of the team's choice. The pair's event in early December will also, subject to the same 10 table condition, have a great prize. BAWA will pay 50% the entry fee for the APBF Teams in Perth 2020 for the pairs finishing first and second. Full details for all aforementioned events can be found on the BAWA web site.

The APBF Congress in April next year will be the biggest bridge event in WA since Brazil won the Bermuda Bowl at the Hyatt in 1989. The congress is open to ALL players and is an event not to be missed. This will be a rare opportunity to play against international players. Full details, including entries and program can be found on the BAWA web site.

Mark Guthrie, the ABF Technology Officer, is currently in the process of developing a stunning new web-based entry management and player information system which, when fully operational, will be made available to all clubs and all players. To assist with providing everyone with a view of what the new system might look like, Mark has created a video below which will give you some insights.

The video can be viewed at

[https://youtu.be/u-4s\\_DVgAaU](https://youtu.be/u-4s_DVgAaU).

The video also provides a link to the demo system, so you can have a play with it. If you don't want to watch the video, you can go straight to the demo at <http://tinyurl.com/abfdemo>.

The entire system is going to revolutionize bridge technology in Australia; it's well worth a look.

BAWA's new substitutions regulations will be in force from November 1.

*Nigel Dutton*



## APBF Team Challenge

2-days event starts Saturday 23 November

## APBF Swiss Pairs Challenge

2-days event starts Saturday 14 December

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## Saturday Bridge

### West Australian Newspaper

*Ed Note* the Bridge Column is back in the West Australian Saturday Weekend 2

BAWA President Nigel Dutton is writing a weekly column – it doesn't matter what level your game is this will be informative, educational and instructive - and at times tongue in cheek!





# Around the Clubs

By Linda Bedford-Brown

## Glen Forrest Bridge Club

From Bev Hayles

The Glen Forrest Bridge Club began in 1984 and took place in various venues such as a Toy Library and a CWA Hall in Mundaring. In the 90's it moved to the Glen Forrest Sports Club which is our present venue. It is cosy and congenial, with large warming log fires in winter. We have about 50 members and consider our club to be very social and friendly.



In early 2019, our Chairperson, Fred Sibenaler initiated the move to Compscore 2 and Bridgemates. After some trial and tribulation and a few false starts, we are now in line with other Bridge clubs and are members of BAWA and the ABF.



Our session times are Monday nights from 6.30pm and Wednesday afternoons from 12.30pm. We welcome new members.

## Nedlands Bridge Club

From Linda Bedford-Brown

The Spring Congress was another roaring success. Many thanks go to our extraordinary members who provided the amazing high tea on Saturday – gourmet delights for all palates.



The winning “team” of the Sunday lunch – working tirelessly on the day – and preparing beforehand – deserved the thunderous applause.

- ✓ Fiske Warren lesson November 27th 10.00am – Topic- Jacoby 2NT Convention
- ✓ The Club Christmas Party is Saturday December 14th – normal bridge 1.30pm and prize giving approx. 5pm.
- ✓ Saturday December 21st is the Blennerhasset Pairs Christmas Bonus Red Point 1.30pm
- ✓ Beginners’ course - 4th Feb 2020 with Fiske Warren

We all enjoy the fabulous game of bridge so we should encourage others to share the same challenge. Let all your friends know about the next beginners’ course.

## Fremantle Bridge Club

From John Penman

The Roy Hindmarsh Trophy competition was held on 28th September for players with masterpoints below State Master.



The trophy was won by Rhonda Solomon and Norman Solomon (with director Chris Wells)



2<sup>nd</sup> Judy Toey and Jean Dance

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October the Spring Pairs Trophy event was held.



This was won by Malcolm Dick and Peta Kiernan, with Marion Jefferson and Tom Wheatley 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Mandurah Bridge Club

From Ian Jones

The winners of the Saturday Best 3 out of 4 event in September were Gudrun Kemmer and Vera

Hardman. Runners up were Chris Martens and Jean Keen.

We also have the honour of hosting the prestigious Golden West Congress each year Nov Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>

Friday Nov 15<sup>th</sup> is the Welcome Pairs Red Point Event 1.00pm start run by the Mandurah Bridge Club. We look forward to having you join us.

The Club will be conducting a series of lessons for beginners commencing on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

The course will run for 5 weeks with two lessons per week. The lessons are sequential but missed lessons can be made up. Sandra Hardie will be conducting the lessons.

9:30am to 12:00 noon First Lesson: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 202- last Lesson: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Cost - Free. Tuition and course materials are provided by the Club but participants may wish to purchase texts which complement the lessons.

## West Coast Bridge Club

From Hilary Heptinstall

The results of our Spring Teams competition were:-



1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Wence Vahala, Shirley Bloch, Marlene Medhat and Ray Wood
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth Bennett, Peach Partis, Patrick Garnett and Sally Brittliffe
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> David Cowell, Ann Hopfmuehler, Max Havercroft and Brian Kaye

## Bunbury Bridge Club

From Jan Morgan

It's ever-challenging - this frustrating game of bridge.



My husband (partner) has been worried of late – our performances below par and was moved to send me this ode -

#### ODE TO JAN

My Partner sits before me.  
She has gently closed her eyes,  
As if she is sweetly thinking  
Of love in paradise  
So calm her smile; I wonder,  
So sunk in thought her head,  
Perhaps it is I who's dreaming;  
I hope she is not dead.  
Is she awake or sleeping?  
It makes me sore afraid.  
She had better remember the bidding  
And lead a bloody spade.

*P.M. (Plagiarized from the OLDIE Magazine)*

Not so sleepy were these recent successful pairs -



Winners of Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October Red point event - JOHN FERGUSON and MARIANNE VIEBKE



MAXINE BECKINGHAM and JOAN GRIBBLE - delighted first-time winners of a recent Saturday

afternoon session – a terrific achievement, having less than 2 Masterpoints between them.

Club Teams Championship winners - KATE BOSTON, MURRAY WEBBER, COLLEEN SKIPSEY and COLLEEN LONG

## Northern District Bridge Club

From Anne Hooper

Winners of the Graham Lee Pairs Red Point on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 were N/S Dion Francis and Tom Lund.

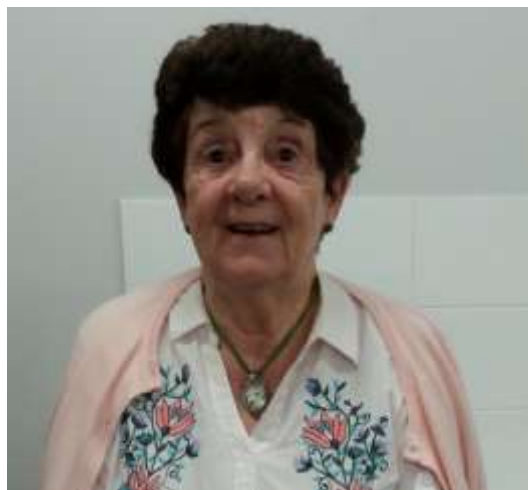


E/W Winners Wendy Baillie and Sue Cunliffe

Our Director was David Burns and the afternoon tea was delicious as usual.

Thanks to all the helpers. We love what you do.

Recently two of our members, Clive Webber and Angela Sudweeks celebrated their 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and, thanks to the generosity of the Club, we all enjoyed a delicious cake on each occasion. Congratulations to you both. Wonderful achievement!



Angela Sudweeks



Clive Webber

We are all looking forward to our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December which will be held at the Hyatt Hotel. It is always a very special event.

Our website [www.ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org](http://www.ndbc.bridgeaustralia.org) has lots of useful information.

## West Australian Bridge Club

From Jan McNab  
*(Photos courtesy of Sheenagh Young)*

October at WABC continued with a series of Red Point events together with two further Championship competitions.

### **EVENING PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP**

The Evening Pairs Championship was played over two Wednesday evenings with 16 pairs competing.

The placing changed dramatically following the first event with the eventual winners - Julie Short and Phil Jacobsen. Congratulations to you both.

2<sup>nd</sup> Jo Sklarz and Jan Blight

3<sup>rd</sup> Mimi Packer and Linda Coli

### **WEST AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE CLUB AGM**

The West Australian Bridge Club AGM was held on 15 October. Vice President, John Aquino and Pauline Kelly resigned from the Management Committee and the President thanked them for their valuable contribution. John Rigg and Gloria Carlson, the two newly elected members, were welcomed and will join the 2019-2020 Committee.

The President's detailed report included recognition and thanks to the many members for their unfailing assistance, volunteering their time, allowing the Club to run smoothly, and ensuring

the happy atmosphere we have grown to enjoy at WABC over many years.

The financial report from our Treasurer, Richard Basham, was very positive and ensured a promising future for the Club. Our Honorary Auditor, Bill Chambers was thanked for his valuable contribution and for agreeing to continue in this role for the 2019/20 financial year.



The Mabs McCulloch Trophy and the Patron's Prize were presented by Patron Helen George to Kate North who, for the second year in a row, achieved an impressive total of Green Masterpoints between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019. Congratulations Kate.

### **44<sup>th</sup> WORLD TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP**

Our Club Professional, Andy Hung, was a member of the Australian Open Team competing at the 44<sup>th</sup> World Championships in Wuhan, China during September. At the end of the 23 match Round Robin they were lying 12<sup>th</sup> out of 24 teams, missing out on the quarter finals by 37 VPs in a field dominated by The Netherlands, Poland, Norway, China and the USA.

Andy's Term 4 lessons are nearly completed and we look forward to his new programme for 2020.



The WABC Christmas Congress will be played over 3 days, Friday 29 November to Sunday 1 December. The Congress presents a challenging list of events including Restricted Match Point Pairs for players with less than 300 Masterpoints (as at 1 July 2019), three Match Point Pairs events, including the President's Match Point Pairs on Sunday, 1 December. The Swiss Pairs over two sessions will also be played on the Sunday. All players are very welcome to this special annual event. Further details on the Club website - [www.wabridgeclub.com.au](http://www.wabridgeclub.com.au)



# Kalamunda Bridge Club

From Betty Roberts and Carol Dickie

At the recent AGM held on 10 August 2019, the results of the recent ballot for President and Management Committee were announced –

	
President	Carole Littlechild
Vice President	Cherry Zamudio
Treasurer	Dianne Barker
	
Secretary	Dawn Snook
Committee Members	Ted Brereton, Jenny Tedeschi, Robin Ward, Tom Lemann, Judith Poole

Christmas in July!



## TEAM EVENT



Kalamunda Novice 'A' team V Kalamunda 'B' team  
'A' team Mary Pepper, Dianne Barker, Michael Pepper, Jenny Tedeschi



'B Team' Bruce Cowan, Ian Purcell, Robin Ward, Ted Brereton

## KALAMUNDA LADIES AND MENS PAIRS



1<sup>st</sup> Bente Hansen and Madge Myburg



2<sup>nd</sup> Anita Davis and Sheila Price





1<sup>st</sup> Stephen Thyer and Tom Lemann



2<sup>nd</sup> Gordon Brown and Brian Davison

## Melville Bridge Club

From Richard Fuller

The last few weeks have been busy with three major events: thirty one pairs competed in the Butler Pairs, twenty teams played in the Master in teams of three, and twenty two pairs played in a one-off Wednesday evening open red point event. Leading scorers were as follows:

### BUTLER PAIRS



Winners: Merleine Wiley and Robert Wiley with MBC President Mark Hughes



2<sup>nd</sup> Cassie Morin and Valerie Isle



3<sup>rd</sup> Suzanne Goodall and Martin Goodall



4<sup>th</sup> Lise Bank (Abe Rosenstreich)

### MASTER IN TEAMS OF 3

1<sup>st</sup> Glynne Frampton, Robin Antrobus, Terry Antrobus and **Martin Goodall**

2<sup>nd</sup> Ajay Tandon, Rohan Bandarage, Tomoko Nakamatsu and **Suzanne Goodall**

3<sup>rd</sup> Marie Singleton, Jackie Wilding, Matthew Wilding and **Cassie Morin**

## EDITING OF MATERIAL

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**WEDNESDAY OPEN RED POINT PAIRS**



**1<sup>st</sup> Gwyneira Brahma and Peter Gill**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Jay Wongphasukchot and Eugene McClorey**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Doreen Jones and Dave Munro**

We now have three hundred and forty four members, of whom two hundred and forty four are home club members. We welcomed seven new members to the Club this month: Danny Ravn, Frances White, Donald Hogg, Elsie Chua, Frances Hammond, Ian Hammond and Daphne Andersen.

We were sorry to learn that life member Jean Dawkins passed away recently. Both Jean and her husband had been members of our Club for many

years. Jean was a director and Club President during the 1990s. She was an excellent player and reached the level of Gold Life Master with over one thousand master points. We extend our sympathy to her family and friends.

**Willetton Bridge Club**

From Noel Daniel



Vijay Ahooja receiving the Directors Certificate from Peter Miller-Vice President

Congratulations Vijay for passing the Exam and being accredited to a Director



Joyce Clarke receiving an ABF Certificate from Peter Miller-VP



Philomena Whitton, Mike Oehme and Wendy Beeson all receiving ABF Certificates from President John Mitchell





Vice President Peter Miller receiving the Certificate of Appreciation for being nominated in the 2019 Commonwealth Bank Not-for-Profit Treasurer's Awards. "Many Congratulations on your nominations and thank you for the valuable contributions you make to the community and to our nation."

## Albany Bridge Club

From Mike Trafalski

### ALBANY ANNIVERSARY PAIRS

On Sunday 22 September members of the Club celebrated the 21st Anniversary of the club rooms, and 41st Anniversary of the Albany Bridge Club.

The Albany Bridge Club was founded in 1978 by Sheila Hall and Ernie Dowty. During the celebrations Anne Hawkins, the only founding member of club, gave a brief history and a few anecdotes from the past.



Anne Hawkins

Eleven tables participated in the Anniversary Pairs. Bridge was played in two sessions with a lunch provided by the Club and members. Thanks to the organiser, Neville Koenig, and all other members and non-members who contributed the sumptuous main course and delicious dessert.



East West Winners: Claire James and John Elliot



North South Winners: Malcolm Wornum and Anne-Marie Horwitz



East West 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Annette and David Beazley





North South 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Neville Koenig and Ros Trend

A reminder about our 2020 Congress, which will be held on the March long weekend Friday 28-February to Monday 2 March 2020. See the flyer in this, December and February issues of Bridge Focus.

## Kalgoorlie Bridge Club Congress

From Sue Lia

Kalgoorlie turned on fine weather for all the players that travelled here for the Congress. A great weekend with a most pleasant group of players and we'll see you all in 2020

### WELCOME PAIRS



1<sup>st</sup> (Vice President Mary Williams) Peter Gill (President Sue Lia) and Gwyneria Brahma – who also won the finals E/W

2<sup>nd</sup> Jessica Chew and Rez Karim

3<sup>rd</sup> Michael and Magda Laws

### QUALIFYING PAIRS

N/S

1<sup>st</sup> Rick and Maura Rhodes

2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Ohlsen and Penny Styles

3<sup>rd</sup> Chris Ross and Chris Jenkins

E/W

1<sup>st</sup> Kate Boston and Murray Webber

2<sup>nd</sup> Rez Karim and Jessica Chew

3<sup>rd</sup> Joanna Tennyson and Christine Bacon

### PAIRS FINALS

N/S

1<sup>st</sup> Anne Lowe and Pam Minchim

2<sup>nd</sup> Kate Boston and Murray Webber

3<sup>rd</sup> Jessica Chew and Rez Karim

E/W

1<sup>st</sup> Peter Gill and Gwyneira Brahma

2<sup>nd</sup> Michael and Magda Laws

3<sup>rd</sup> Cheryl Harding and Do Dean

### TEAMS



1<sup>st</sup> Anne Lowe, Pam Minchin, Rosemary Enright and Rosemary Rear – Anne and Pam also won the pairs final N/S

2<sup>nd</sup> Gwyneira Brahma, Peter Gill, Maureen Knight and Arianna Yusof

3<sup>rd</sup> Christine Ross, Christine Jenkins, Joanna Tennyson and Christine Bacon

Best pair with less than 100 masterpoints – Jan Archer and Helen Clews from Esperance



Best unplaced Kalgoorlie pair - Mary Williams and Sue Lia

Thanks to Director Peter Holloway and hope to see you all in 2020.



## Maylands Bridge Club

From Linley Le Page



Access to public buildings should be easy for everyone. Until recently access to the Maylands Bridge Club has been challenging for some of our members as it involved a long walk up an incline. Recent work by the City of Bayswater has remedied this. A new drop-off area means that members with physical restrictions now have only a short distance to walk on a flat path to enter the pavilion. The City of Bayswater has also installed grab bars in both the male and female toilets to create ambulatory stalls in addition to the disabled toilet - two great improvements. The club would like to thank the City of Bayswater for commissioning this work. Thank you also to Greg Macmillan and the Morley Sports Club for support in achieving this important improvement.

## MANDURAH BRIDGE CLUB

2020 Summer Weekend Congress

Saturday & Sunday 25 & 26 January

At our premises on the corner of Murdoch & Bortolo Drives, Greenfields

### PROGRAM

Saturday

<b>Saturday</b>	Swiss Pairs (XIMPS converted to VPs)	9.30am Start \$30.00 per payer
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<b>Sunday</b>	Swiss Teams	9.30am Start \$30.00 per payer
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Lunch is NOT provided, but can be ordered on arrival at player's cost.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Prizes will be a minimum of 50% of Entry Fees

Convenor

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Tournament Director

Neville Walker

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# Double Trouble

From Marnie Leybourne

To double or not to double, that is the question...

Consider that you, sitting East - all Vulnerable, are holding the following hand:

Dlr	W	♠			
Vul	All	♥			
		♦			
		♣			
		♠			♠ 4
		♥			♥ K Q J 2
		♦			♦ K Q J
		♣			♣ A K 7 5 4
		♠			
		♥			
		♦			
		♣			

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The bidding has gone:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♠
Pass	2♣ (cue raise)	2♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	?	

Do you double? Think about it, make your decision, and then read on.

This hand came up in a recent team's match that I was playing and it reminded me of an Abbot hand, so I apologise for plagiarising a little here to make my point. For those of you who don't get the reference to the Abbot, this is a character from a series of bridge books set mostly in a monastery.

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**Events>Event List**

One of the characters is the poor unfortunate Brother Anthony, who is a member of the silent Eustacian order with a lifelong ban against speaking. By necessity, Brother Anthony always passes so can never be declarer.<sup>1</sup> Anyway, Brother Anthony picks up the following:

♠	K Q J T
♥	K J
♦	K Q J
♣	K Q J 9

Not only does he have to pass throughout the auction, during which his opponents reach a contract of 5C, the other three monks at the table make a mockery of his Order and the pressure becomes too much for him. He cracks out a "double", much to the astonishment of the other players.

As his opponents wrap up 11 tricks, the Abbot yells at poor Brother Anthony, "What... do you mean by breaking your vow of silence, just to double a cold game?" These were the four hands:

Dlr	S	♠	8		
Vul	Both	♥	8 6		
		♦	A T 5 4 3		
		♣	A 8 7 3 2		
		♠	9 7 5 2		♠ K Q J T
		♥	T 9 7 4 3		♥ K J
		♦	9 7 6 2		♦ K Q J
		♣	-		♣ K Q J 9
		♠	A 6 4 3		
		♥	A Q 5 2		
		♦	8		
		♣	T 6 5 4		

Lead: Heart ten

I'll leave you to either work out how South made 11 tricks, or you can check out the book; it is probably in your club library. Hint: East's final four cards are his four trumps, while South holds ♥ 5 2 and ♣ T 6 and North is on play.

So, the answer to the question above is now obvious. You probably should not double holding this type of hand. Chances are there is distribution

<sup>1</sup> This hand is from Miracles of Card Play, by Terence Reese and David Bird.











# West Australian Bridge Club



**NOVICE and SUPER NOVICE CONGRESS 2020**

**7 Odern Crescent Swanbourne**

**SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY**

**START TIME: 10:00am**

If you have never played in a Congress then this is the event for you.

**Novice: less than 150 Masterpoints as at 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020**

**Super Novice: less than 50 Masterpoints as at 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020**

PLAYERS MAY ORDER LUNCH BEFORE START OF PLAY

**RED POINTS and CASH PRIZES**

**ENTRY FEE \$35 per player**

ALL PAIRS MUST HAVE 2 IDENTICAL COMPLETED SYSTEM CARDS

( arrive early and we will supply the cards and help you fill them in )

PRIZE GIVING, DRINKS & NIBBLES AT COMPLETION OF PLAY approx. 5.00pm

**Tournament Organiser: Kitty George**

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**Director: David Burn**

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**ENTER via the BAWA website**

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# Percentage Bridge

From David Schokman

Have you ever asked yourself why you make mistakes which are so unnecessary and often totally contrary to all the good rules of bridge? This deal was from a Swiss pair's event in the last round from a congress played in August and had the potential to have altered the result of the event, but it did not. Let's talk about it.

Dir	S				
Vul	NS		♠ Q1075		
			♥ Q1074		
			♦ AQ82		
			♣ A		
			♠ 2		♠ KJ864
			♥ J962		♥ -
			♦ K94		♦ J73
			♣ 86542		♣ QJ1087
			♠ A93		
	14		♥ AK853		
4		8	♦ 1065		
	14		♣ K3		

A cursory look at the hands is unlikely to set the pulse racing, but the results showed that there had been some opposition activity, and heavy penalties recorded. Let's start with south bidding 1H. Would Acol players open the bidding with 1NT? Probably not.

West passes, and north, using Jacoby, bids 2NT, which shows 12+ plus points and four card trump support. 3NT by south, which should show a good opening hand, without a singleton or void, or a second five card suit. This bid, also limits the hand to less than a 1NT opening of 15-17 points, if you were playing Standard. North bids 4C, which I believe must be a cue showing the ace of clubs. 4S by south, showing the spade ace. 4NT by north and when south shows three key cards, north bids 6H. A critical analysis cannot really fault the bidding, as north has only five losers to add to the seven, or less, with south. Is success going to depend on the diamond finesse, or will it be easy with south holding the king of diamonds rather than the king of clubs, which we can see.

West leads the three of spades and you take stock. Trumps will be no problem, and the diamonds will probably be on a guess. How about the spade lead? It is unlikely to be from the king: certainly not mud or a doubleton, ominously looks like a singleton. On this supposition it is a favourable lead and you play

low, winning the knave with your ace. Obviously, you have to consider the trump position and this is where the score sheet paints a dismal picture with pairs making only 10 tricks and failing to make 5H. Where did they go wrong? With the AKQ to nine trumps you do not envisage any problem, and I feel that the errors were more an act of carelessness rather than a lack of bridge knowledge. The one thing that you have to consider is whether the trump suit will break 4 -0. It is only a 9.57 pc chance, but something that you must not discount. Your cards allow you to pick up the knave wherever it is, and surely your bridge teacher always told you to play the first honour from the hand that has two honours. Sadly, too many pairs played a heart to the queen, which turned out to be a disaster. They will never make that mistake again. Once the trumps are picked correctly the spade lead allows you to establish a spade trick for a diamond discard, and, of course, the diamond king has to be favourably placed.

So, the accolades go to Eileen Reilly and Judith Wilson who bid and made 6H, one of two pairs who were successful. Congratulations ladies.

We have always been told to bid more aggressively at favourable vulnerability but surely the decision to bid 3S, after a 1H opening, followed by a Jacoby 2NT, was an act of sheer insanity. You have only achieved one thing and that is to warn your opponents of possible bad breaks, and certainly help them in placing cards when the contract is set.

The brickbats are to the three pairs. One doubled in 4S for minus 1400: the other pair doubled in 5C for 800. It should have been only 500. Some may say that 7C is a great save against 6H, but then your opponents did not bid it!

Possibly the worst decision was the double of 5H, holding J962 of hearts. I only imagine that it was made by the partner of one of the players who decided to bid 3S, which certainly should have had better values than they actually held.

So, remember that this is a game of total discipline – PERCENTAGE Bridge - was what my friend, the late Milton Miller, called it. Do not make foolish bids as they only help your opponents and misleads partner, destroying partnership confidence.



City of Melville Bridge Club Inc.



**Australia Day**  
Celebrate what's great!

Monday Australia Day Holiday

27th January

walk-in red point event + \$\$\$

OPEN TO ALL ABF REGISTERED  
PLAYERS

Cost: \$10 members - \$12.00 visitors



Sausage sizzle 12:00 noon

Bridge starts 1:00pm sharp

Open to all ABF registered players

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## OAKWOOD MELVILLE BC CONGRESS

ENTRIES: Via BAWA Website –  
[www.bawa.asn.au](http://www.bawa.asn.au)

### PROGRAM 2020

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>** Welcome MP Scored Pairs

**1:00pm** - \$15.00 pp

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>** March Open Swiss Pairs

**9:30am** - \$35.00 pp

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>** March Open Teams

**9:30am** - \$35.00 pp

(please bring correct table money)

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# Benefits of Playing Bridge

By Di Brooks

I know this little write up is preaching to the converted, but to the new kids on the block, you will hopefully find this heartening.

Many years ago, not quite before the dinosaurs roamed the earth I played in a three day event in Perth, with Lii Soots as the Director. My partner and I had a very unhappy set on the Friday evening session. We knew we would be bottom of the list. Saturday morning, we bravely turned up for the next gruelling session and we were greeted by Lii, who said, "Whatever happened to you girls last night. I couldn't believe it when I saw you were on the bottom, so I rescored the sheets twice over before I realised the result was true"! I replied, "Sorry, you had that trouble Lii, but if you had phoned me, I could have saved you all the trouble".

As I said, in the olden days when Directors didn't have the joy of using computer scoring programs, all the calculations were done by pen, paper and brain power.

Even now, up and coming bridge players will have some poor session scores and feel like taking up origami. My Advice: Don't. If it's any comfort, no-one knows it all; although I have heard some people declare they are the best players in WA, Australia or the Best there is. Believe me, this is ego talking. We all get good days and bad ones. Take both with a piece of salt. Just enjoy the great game.

My forty one years of bridge playing has been one long learning curve and one that will never stop. For me the journey is not over. Every session is another great opportunity to meet lovely people and have a good time.

## South Perth Bridge Club Pharmacy 777 Event

South Perth held a sponsored session on Friday, 18th October. With Jan Howell directing, there were fifteen and a half tables in play. Although I

usually ask to sit N/S, due to health issues, partner Florence and I sat E/W.

Well, weren't we the lucky ones. The lay of the cards favoured E/W. Most were very basic until this hand came along -

Dlr	N	♠	J65					
	Vul	♥	Q					
		♦	10753					
		♣	J9873					
		♠	A973		N		♠	KQ10
		♥	AK76		W	E	♥	109854
		♦	A984				♦	QJ2
		♣	6		S		♣	A10
							♠	842
			4				♥	J32
15			12				♦	K6
			9				♣	KQ542

The bidding was passed around to West, playing Precision, Florence opened 1D

North passed and I bid 1H, South called 2C and then Florence bid 4H. I didn't feel my hand was that brilliant and passed.

The lead was the Club King. Have a look at the four hands and give a guess on the final result! Deep Finesse says 6D, 7H, 7S, 7NT - difficult to believe. But the computer was right, although I did have some help from the opponents. The play went thus: CK won by CA. I now lead the H10, South covered with the Jack. On winning the trick with the HK, North dropped the HQ. Two more rounds of hearts took out the remaining trumps. Back in my hand, I played the DQ, covered by the DK, with Dummy's DA taking the trick. I lead the D9, covered by the D10 and won by my Jack. It was all over Red Rover. The spades fell nicely and any of the thirteen cards in Spades or Diamonds took care of my losing C10.

With hindsight, both on my part, (for not counting my points properly) and the fact that maybe a 4C bid from my partner would show her maximum point count. (Her opening 1D showed 11-15 points, no five card major, might not have any



diamonds either). From this I would gather partner had 4 hearts, maximum points and a singleton or void in Clubs. As I said, hindsight is a wonderful thing. This article proves you can fail to appreciate your points and failing to open, cost us the chance to bid the small slam.

Happy Bridging,☺



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6:30 pm Tapas/Finger Food

7.00 pm Duplicate Pairs

**Swiss Pairs** 29 Feb-2 March

Saturday 9:30 am and 2:00 pm

Sunday 9:30

9 x 9 board matches

**Swiss Teams** 3/4 March

Sunday 2:00 pm 3 x 10 board matches

Monday 9:00 am 2 x 10 Board Matches

Director: Neville Walker

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Welcome Pairs \$20.00

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Swiss Teams \$45.00

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Entry Via BAWA website

Limit: 27 tables

# Nedlands BC Congress

From Linda Bedford-Brown



## Friday Pairs (55)

*(Photos courtesy of Rose Moore)*



1<sup>st</sup> Noriko Sakashita and Jonathan Free



2<sup>nd</sup> Salim Songerwala and Joan Barnett

3<sup>rd</sup> Cynthia Belonogoff and David Schokman

4<sup>th</sup> Chris Ingham and David Matthews



5<sup>th</sup> May Schonwolf and Shirley Rose



6<sup>th</sup> Alan Harrop and Mimi Packer

7<sup>th</sup> Fusako Hashimoto and Marcey Spilsbury

8<sup>th</sup> Jane Moulden and Robyn Howe

9<sup>th</sup> Se-Moi Loh and Rohan Bandarage

10<sup>th</sup> Jonathan Pynt and Danielle Gardiner

## Saturday Pairs (67)



1<sup>st</sup> Viv Zotti and Gill Dolling





2<sup>nd</sup> Phil Power and Kathy Power



6<sup>th</sup> Lily Lim and Charlie Lim



3<sup>rd</sup> David Schokman and Dave Munro

7<sup>th</sup> Peter Gill and Gwyneria Brahma

8<sup>th</sup> Viv Wood and Gerry Daly

9<sup>th</sup> Pauline Collett and Catherine Hood



10<sup>th</sup> Penny Styles and Pat King – Best Nedlands Pair



4<sup>th</sup> Fusako Hashimoto and Ted Sakashita



## Sunday Teams (26)



5<sup>th</sup> Jan Blight and Kali Crosbie



1<sup>st</sup> Don Allen, Kirstyn Fuller, Trevor Fuller and Deana Wilson



2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Cooper, Jonathan Free, Rose Moore and Tim Munro



3<sup>rd</sup> Wendy Driscoll, Shizue Futaesaku (Denise Sharbanee/Dadie Greenfeld)



4<sup>th</sup> David Mathews, Jessica Chew, Marie – France Merven and Nigel Dutton



5<sup>th</sup> Dave Munro, Cynthia Belonogoff (David Schokman and Anton Pol)

6<sup>th</sup> Stella Steer, James Steer, Rez Karim and Hasan Hazra

7<sup>th</sup> Viv Zotti, Jo Sklarz, Gill Dolling and Chris Cullen



Best Restricted Team - Peter Sumner, Hamish McCracken (Arianna Yusof/Tomoko Nakamatsu)

SOUTH PERTH BRIDGE CLUB

## SWISS PAIRS

6<sup>TH</sup>, 13<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup> January 2020

at 7. 30 pm

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# Test Your Slam Play

By Bill Jacobs

## SOLUTION

Dlr	N	♠	8764	♠	53
Vul	NS	♥	AK62	♥	J95
		♦	AKJ10	♦	Q942
		♣	3	♣	QJ74
		♠	1092		
		♥	Q1074		
		♦	85		
		♣	K1065		
				♠	AKQJ
				♥	83
5	6			♦	763
				♣	A982

You have 9 top tricks (4 spades, 2 hearts, 2 diamonds, 1 club) so are looking for three more.

They can come in one of two forms: a) two extra diamonds (from a successful finesse for ♦Q) and a club ruff, or b) one extra diamond and two club ruffs.

It would be nice to combine both chances, but entries to your hand are lacking. If you take a diamond finesse at trick two and it fails, when a trump is returned, you no longer have the communications to ruff two clubs.

You must give up on plan a) and pursue plan b): taking two club ruffs. Play ♣A and ruff a club. Next make the key play: ♦J from dummy!

When East wins ♦Q, everyone, including dummy, will be surprised, and start wondering if you've forgotten to take your medication. Nevertheless, after a second trump is played by the defence, you will simply ruff another club, return to your hand by ruffing a heart, draw the outstanding trump (on which dummy's last heart is discarded), and claim the remaining diamonds.

The moral: Medication is important; thinking through the play even more so.



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# Results

## TEAMS OF FOUR – as at 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019

From John Beddow

### OPEN

#### ROUND 1

-	MACCABI	NEDLANDS	SPBC	UNDERCROFT	WABC
MACCABI		20.00		16.77	2.90
NEDLANDS	-		0.99	5.68	11.56
SPBC		19.01		6.52	15.91
UNDERCROFT	3.23	14.32	13.48		4.36
WABC	17.10	8.44	4.09	15.64	

#### ROUND 2

-	MACCABI	NEDLANDS	SPBC	UNDERCROFT	WABC
MACCABI		4.92	5.52	10.47	16.65
NEDLANDS	15.08		1.9	2.08	7.82
SPBC	14.48	18.1		3.12	15.23
UNDERCROFT	9.53	17.92	16.88		14.78
WABC	3.35	12.18	4.77	5.22	

#### TOTAL

-	MACCABI	NEDLANDS	SPBC	UNDERCROFT	WABC
MACCABI		24.92	5.52	27.24	19.55
NEDLANDS	15.08		2.89	7.76	19.38
SPBC	14.48	37.11		9.64	31.14
UNDERCROFT	12.76	32.24	30.36		19.14
WABC	20.45	20.62	8.86	20.86	
	<b>62.77</b>	<b>114.89</b>	<b>47.63</b>	<b>65.50</b>	<b>89.21</b>

Nedlands cannot be overtaken on 114.89. So, it's a battle for 2nd and 3rd places.

#### INTERMEDIATE - BLUE

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
NEDLANDS	5	4	59.06
WEST COAST	5	3	58.07
WABC	5	2	56.86
MELVILLE	5	2	49.32
MAYLANDS	5	2	38.99
SPBC	5	2	37.70

#### INTERMEDIATE - GOLD

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
SPBC	5	5	78.32
WEST COAST	5	3	54.39
KALAMUNDA	5	3	50.55
UNDERCROFT	5	2	46.74
WABC	5	2	40.88

1<sup>st</sup> Semi Final: Nedlands 76 imps v West Coast Gold 70 imps. +/- 6 imps

2<sup>nd</sup> Semi Final: South Perth 100 imps v West Coast Blue 16 imps +/- 84 imps

Final: South Perth v Nedlands. South Perth is the Home Club by virtue of the imp difference.

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place playoffs: West Coast Gold v West Coast Blue.

West Coast Gold are the Home team by virtue of their minimal imp difference.



## NOVICE

	PLAYED	WON	VPs
SPBC	7	5	104.05
KALAMUNDA B	7	4	72.61
KALAMUNDA A	7	4	70.98
SWAN DISTS	7	4	70.13
MELVILLE	6	4	68.08
UNDERCROFT	7	3	54.58
WABC	6	2	52.54
MAYLANDS	7	1	40.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>533.13</b>

SPBC are locked into 1<sup>st</sup>. So, it's a battle for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.



70% Results (Random search)

### Northern Districts

75.1 Jane Adams and Christine Bacon

### Willetton

72.0 Michael Flacks and Lucille Duncan

### South Perth

70.7 Carole Cleeve and Martin Cleeve

### WABC

72.6 John Snell and Richard Basham

71.9 Barbara Riddle and Patricia Rosser

### Fremantle

74.4 Chris Wells and Helene Kolozs

### Bunbury

71.1 Graeme Bowman and Patrick Smith

70.4 Colin Saunders and Esther Saunders

### Joondalup

72.3 Julia Hustad and Harry Crosby

### Undercroft

74.0 Christine Bacon and Jane Adama

73.5 Metka Agrez and Mike Mahon

71.0 Lynne Milne and David Burn

### Mandurah

72.5 Michael Turner and Jean Field

### West Coast

72.9 Shirley Drage and Maurice Herman

70.3 Margaret Tierney and Ron Dalton



## Rockingham Bridge Club Inc

Corner Watts & McLarty Roads,  
Shoalwater, WA 6169

## CONGRESS 2020

February 8-9 Starting Times  
10.00am

### ENTRIES

Via BAWA Website — [www.bawa.asn.au](http://www.bawa.asn.au)

### PROGRAM

**Saturday 8** - Congress Pairs  
(Qualifying, Final and Plate) 10.00am  
\$40.00 per player (includes lunch)  
- pay at the table on the day

**Sunday 9** - Congress Teams - 10 am  
\$40.00 per player (includes lunch)  
- pay at the table on the day

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Director: David Burn 0409 661 010  
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	<b>Nov</b>	Sat 2nd	<i>Kendenup Restricted Congress – see flyer</i>
		Sun 3rd	BAWA Masters in Teams of 3
		Sun 10th	BAWA Super Vets Congress
		Fri 15th	Mandurah Welcome Pairs
		Sat 16th-Sun 17th	BAWA Golden West
		Fri 29th – Dec 2nd	<b>Tweed Heads GNOT Finals</b> WABC Xmas Congress
	<b>Dec</b>	Sat 7th	APBF Team Challenge
		Sat 14th –Sun 15th	APBF Pairs Challenge
<b>2020</b>	<b>Jan</b>	Mon 6th	<i>South Perth BC Swiss Pairs 1/3 – see flyer</i>
		Sat 25th-26th	<i>Mandurah Summer Congress – see flyer</i>
		Sat 25th	<i>Nedlands Australia Day Red Point – see flyer</i>
		Mon 27th	<i>Melville Australia Day Red Point – see flyer</i>
	<b>Jan</b>	Mon 6th	<i>South Perth BC Swiss Pairs 1/3 – see flyer</i>
		Thu 16th	BAWA New Year IMP (Swiss) Pairs 1 of 3
		Sat 25th-26th	<i>Mandurah Summer Congress – see flyer</i>
		Sat 25th	<i>Nedlands Australia Day Red Point – see flyer</i>
		Mon 27th	<i>Melville Australia Day Red Point – see flyer</i>
	<b>Feb</b>	Sun 2nd	<i>Nedlands Congress – see flyer</i>
		Thu 6th	Interstate Open Selection Butler Qualifying 1/4 7.30pm
		Sat 8th –Sun 9th	<i>Rockingham Congress - see flyer</i>
		21st – 29th	<b>Gold Coast Congress</b>
		Sat 22nd	<i>Joondalup Congress</i>
		Sun 23rd	<i>WABC Super/Novice Congress –see flyer</i>
		Fri 28th – Mar 2nd	<i>Albany Congress – see flyer</i>
	<b>Mar</b>	Fri 6th –Sun 8th	<i>Melville Congress – see flyer</i>
		Sat 14th – 15th	<i>Kalamunda Congress</i>
		Sat 21st – Sun 22nd	Interstate Open Selection Final
		Sun 22nd	<i>WABC Restricted Swiss Pairs- see flyer</i>
<b>BAWA AGM</b>		Tue 24th	BAWA AGM 7pm
		Thu 26th	Interstate Women's Selection 1/4
		Sun 29th	Interstate Women's Selection 2 & 3 of 4
<b>APBF</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>April 15-22</b>	<b>See flyer</b>
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# Denmark Bridge Club Congress

From Philip Powell



The sea sparkled and the sun shone as Denmark Bridge Club held its third biennial congress on the weekend of October 18-20.

The club boasts one of the best locations for a congress in WA, possibly Australia - the Ocean View Function Centre at the Denmark Sea Rescue Club premises. Players, when they weren't focusing on their hands, could gaze out at the azure Southern Ocean down below from the elevated position of the club.

## Welcome Pairs:



1<sup>st</sup> Joan Valentine and Wendy Harman



2<sup>nd</sup> Audrey Stokes and Arianna Yusof



3<sup>rd</sup> Suzanne Yates and Sue Shadbolt

Below 50 MPs

Pat Allen and Janelle McGann

Denmark Bridge Club below 50 MPs  
Wendy Livesey and Annette Ruvadin

## Swiss Pairs



1<sup>st</sup> Jessica Chew (and Rez Karim) with club  
President Pam Minchin



2<sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth McNeill and Cassie Morin  
3<sup>rd</sup> Patricia Anderson and Gerald Merven



Swiss Pairs Best Unplaced – National  
Pam Goodman (and Connie Daly)



Swiss Pairs Best Unplaced – State  
John Elliott and Claire James

Swiss Pairs Best Unplaced – Regional  
Judi Cullam and Robyn Clifton

Swiss Pairs Best Unplaced – Local  
Pat Allen and Janelle McGann



Best Unplaced Denmark Bridge Club Pair  
Carole Munro (and Chris Munro)

## Swiss Teams



1<sup>st</sup> Chris Ingham, Susanne Gammon, Deana Wilson  
and Dave Munro



2<sup>nd</sup> Nigel Dutton, Marie-France Merven, Jessica  
Chew (and Rez Karim)



3<sup>rd</sup> Wendy Driscoll, Cassie Morin, Jan Blight and  
Elizabeth McNeill



Fabulous  
arrangement from  
club member  
Annette Ruvadini

Congress director:  
Peter Holloway  
Congress convenor:  
John Elliott